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The temperature in south Florida has finally turned a little cooler. The mornings are now 77 degrees instead of 82 degrees. The afternoons are 86 degrees instead of 96 degrees. What a relief. It will be even nicer as the season progresses.

The Officers and Board of FUN are hard at work planning the January 2012 FUN Show in Orlando. The Board meets periodically to update the status of everyone's responsibilities for the show.

Last January our show featured 585 dealer tables. We hope to meet or exceed that number in January 2012. The weather in January should be 80 degrees in the day and in the 60's at night. Everyone remembers two years ago when we had a cold spell that saw temperatures dip to 26 degrees. Check the weather forecast before you travel.

We will have Piedmont panning for Gold, Abraham Lincoln (Dennis Boggs), Ray Dillard's elongated cents, and the Hobo Nickel carvers at the show. All the major grading services will be there. There will be approximately 15 educational seminars. The Florida coin club buses will arrive Friday and Saturday and the YN program should be great for the kids. Don't forget to see all the exhibits, and Heritage will have another world class auction.

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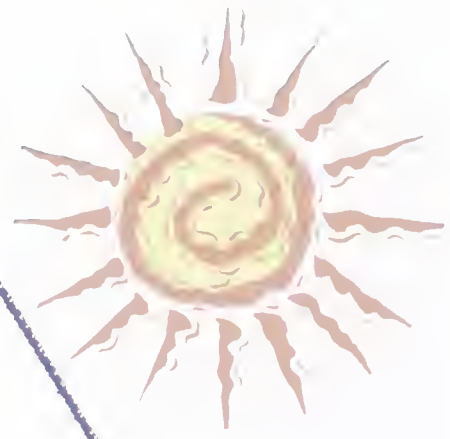

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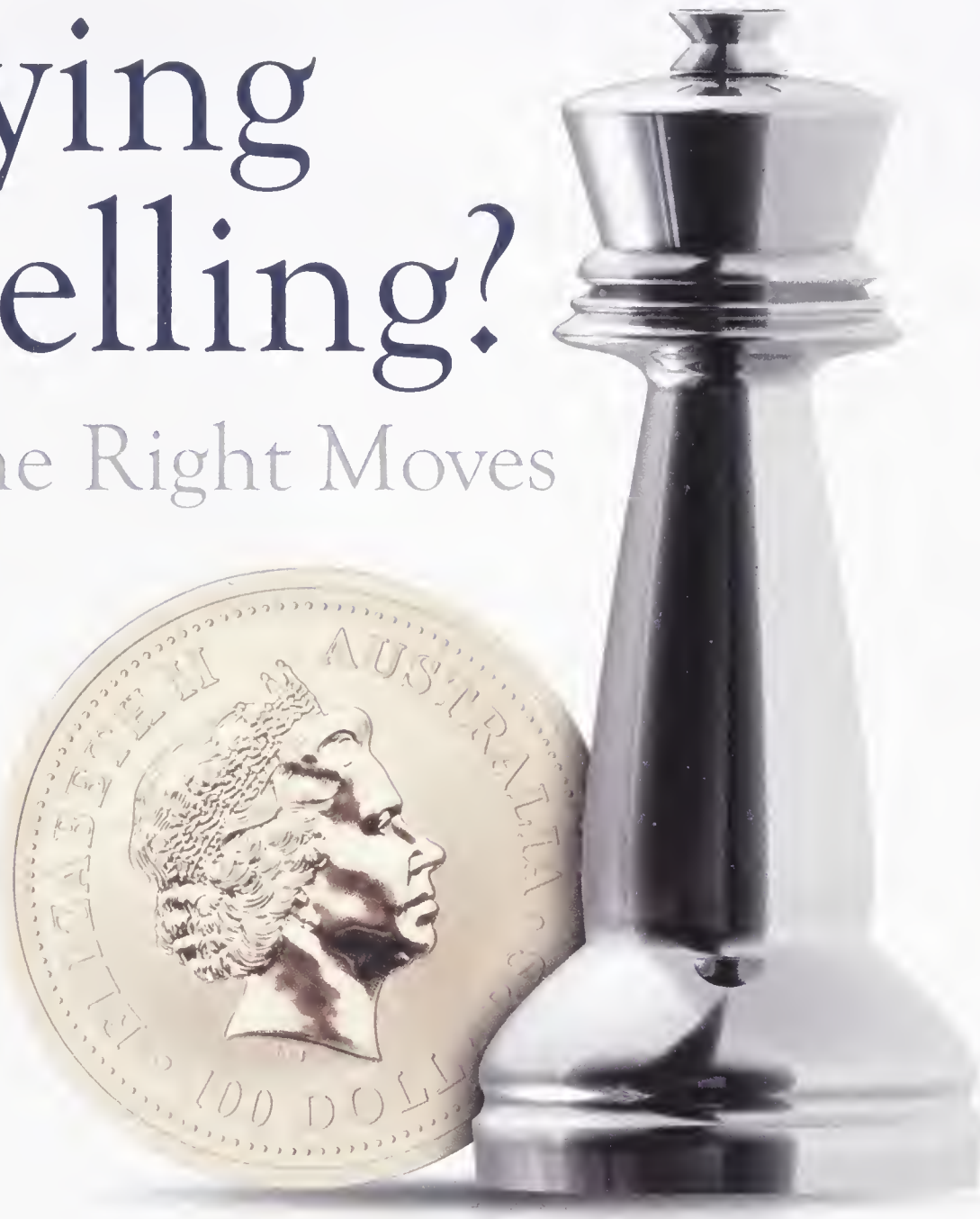

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There's nothing quite like the first day in the fall when you wake up and go out to get the newspaper and are met with a crisp, cooler air outside! That was the feeling here about a week ago. People get a little more spring in their step and enjoy the relief from the heat and humidity. In addition to those things, I also begin to look forward to the next FUN convention with great anticipation and excitement.

We already have some wonderful things in store for our attendees. Elsewhere in this issue(page 59) is information about ANA Chief Exhibit Judge Joe Boling coming to teach the exhibit judging certification course at FUN. We are very pleased he is coming to Orlando to do that for us, and FUN offers this to our attendees at no charge.

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Watch our website at www.funtopics.com as we get closer to convention time. In late November we'll post the dealer listing and the complete schedule of events, which includes educational seminars, specialty club meetings, auction sessions, and our young numismatist and Boy and Girl Scout activities. Until January, have a happy and blessed holiday season, and safe travels to you all!

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SECONDHAND DEALER LAWS BECOMING SERIOUS PROBLEM

Hailed As "Anti-Fencing Laws", Customers Pay The Real Costs

As a result of the record-setting precious metals prices, the interest in Secondhand Dealer laws has skyrocketed. These laws are increasing all over the country, and it has become routine for us the get calls asking us to help prevent or modify either a new law or an expansion of the existing law.

If you think that a Secondhand DEALER law is only a problem for the dealers, you may be surprised to learn that secondhand dealer laws are actually more of a problem for customers. AND one of the consequences essentially takes money right out of the CUSTOMER'S pockets!

Here's how it works. (While I'm using an example with gold, the same concept applies to silver, platinum and palladium. In Louisiana, it will apply to copper also.)

With gold at record levels, you decide that now is the time to go to your local coin dealer to sell those few old gold jewelry items you and other family members no longer want -- the "orphan" earrings, the clunky 14K charm bracelet from the 60's, a couple broken or hopelessly knotted chains, and those awful cuff links from Aunt Tillie. While there are suddenly so many companies advertising they buy gold, you've checked around, and it's very likely you discovered your favorite coin dealer actually pays considerably more than the local pawn shop, jeweler and certainly those companies with sandwich boards advertising We Buy Gold!

You've bought coins and other items from this coin dealer before, so why is he suddenly now asking for all sorts of identifying information as though you'd never met? Indeed, the questions are suspiciously close to treating you as though you are a criminal. A common thief to be exact. Name, address, phone – well, OK. But do you really need to take all this information from my driver's license? And what's with the fingerprinting!? And taking my photograph! The dealer says it's all for the police report he's required to prepare.

If you're in Louisiana, things just got worse. If you haven't read about this already, you will, and I can confirm that it is true: the State of Louisiana has passed a law that prohibits "secondhand dealers" from paying their customers in cash for scrap metals items. They must pay with check, money order or electronic transfer.* (The logic is that this will prevent the sale of stolen property since thieves only want cash, not checks.)

The very constitutionality of the "no-cash" provision of this law is being questioned, and we Louisianans are getting together a challenge to this as it includes other excessively burdensome aspects and unintended consequences. Strictly interpreted, even plastic Mardi Gras beads could be considered "jewelry" items and a customer could fall within the scope of this crazy regulation if you bought the beads at a garage sale! Legislators in Baton Rouge are hearing from people around the country on this, and one legislator has already put out an email soliciting people's comments and concerns about this law. We do expect modification if not outright repeal, but it will take a little while.

So what's the deal on these laws???

So-called "secondhand dealer" laws have been around for a long time. Some are state-wide laws, others are only local – cities, townships, etc. Sometimes the locals take a state law and just expand it to make it stricter. These laws are usually backed by law enforcement as a measure to help prevent thieves from being able to fence stolen merchandise. And if you've ever been the victim of a home break-in, you'd probably support such a law.

However, getting all this "paper trail" info from you can be at best a bit demeaning. But what is worse is the cost to the customer if the law includes a "holding" provision as many do. What that means is that the law prohibits the dealer from disposing of the purchased items for at least XXX days. That amount can range from a burdensome but doable 7 days to as many as 30 business-killing days. And this is where it really bites everyone in the wallet.

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****November 17-20**
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www.whitmanexpo.com AD - page 31

November 19
Fort Myers Coin and Paper Money Show, Elks Lodge, 1900 Park Meadows Drive, Fort Myers, Contact: Jay FMCC, PO Box 62056, Ft. Myers, FL 33906,
PH: 239-297-8592.
email: jcflcoins@comcast.net

November 19
West Hernando Regional Coin & Currency Show. Brooksville Elk's Lodge #2582. 14494 Cortez Blvd. Brooksville, FL 34613. 9-3. Contact: Mark Palermo PH: 813-361-0740
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November 20
Maitland Coin and Currency Show, Maitland Civic Center, 641 S. MAitland Ave. MAitland, FL. Contact: JAson Lowery PH: 407-739-4817.
website: www.maitlandcoinshow.com

November 20
Fort Lauderdale Coin Club Coin & Stamp Show, Volunteer Park Comty Ctr. 12050 W Sunrise Blvd. Plantation, FL ++ Contact: Joe Marshall, PO Box 22102, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33335-2102
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November 27
Palm Beach Coin Show, American Polish Club, 4725 Lake Worth Road, Greenacres, FL Contact: Tony Swicer, PO Box 5823, Lake Worth, FL 33466
PH: 561-964-8180 (M - F + 9 - 5)

Dec 2-4
Volusia Coin Expo 2011. Volusia County Fairgrounds, 3150 New York Ave., Deland, FL. Contact: Kevin Seymour Ph: 386-690-3111

Dec. 3-4
Silver Sands Coin Coin, Currency, and Stamp Show. Central Panhandle Fairground, Hwy 98 at Sherman Avenue, Panama City, Fl 32401 Contact: Doug Gibson PH: 850-215-8565
email: dfcoshop@knology.net

December 4
Gold Coast Coin, Stamp, & Collectibles Show, David Park Recreation Center, 108 N 33rd Court, Hollywood, FL
Contact: Mark Eshleman,
PO Box 81-3732, Hollywood, FL 33081
PH: 954-242-5561
email: MWEshleman@aol.com

December 10
St. Petersburg Coin Club Show. Disabled American Veterans, 4801 37th Street North, ST. Petersburg, FL 33713. Contact: Burt Jones - 813-971-2577

December 11
South Brevard & Missle Stamp Club Show, Eau Galle Civic Center, 1551 Highland Ave., Melbourne, FL. Contact: Alysha Wilson. PH: 321-751-3647.
email: wilson4808@bellsouth.net

December 17
Fort Myers Coin and Paper Money Show, Elks Lodge, 1900 Park Meadows Drive, Fort Myers, Contact: Jay Chamberlain, PO Box 62056, Ft. Myers, FL 33906, Ph: 239-297-8592.
email: jcflcoins@comcast.net

December 18
Fort Lauderdale Coin Club Coin & Stamp Show, Volunteer Park Comty Ctr. 12050 W Sunrise Blvd. Plantation, FL ++ Contact: Joe Marshall, PO Box 22102, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33335-2102
PH: 954-802-4967.

December 30-31
Sun City Center Coin & Currency Show. Chanmber of Commerce Meeting Hall, 1651 Sun City Center Plaza. Contact: Mark Palermo PH: 813-361-0740. AD - page 59

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January 5-8
57th Annual F.U.N. Convention. Orange County Convention Center, 9400 Universal Drive Hall SB, Orlando, FL. Contact: Cindy Wibker, P"O Box 471147, Lake Monroe, FL 32747-1147
PH: 407-321-8747; Fax: 407-321-5138
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January 15
Maitland Coin and Currency Show, Maitland Civic Center, 641 S. MAitland Ave. MAitland, FL. Contact: JAson Lowery PH: 407-739-4817.
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January 21
Fort Myers Coin and Paper Money Show, Elks Lodge, 1900 Park Meadows Drive, Fort Myers, Contact: Jay Chamberlain, PO Box 62056, Ft. Myers, FL 33906, Ph: 239-297-8592.
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January 21-22
Treasure Coast Coin Club, Inc. Coin & Currency Show -- Vero Beach Community Center, 14th Ave & 23rd St, near intersection Rtes #1 & #60, Vero Beach, FL. Contact: Ron Tagney, PO Box 6070, Vero Beach, FL. 32961. PH: 772-234-9476, email: rontagney@aol.com.

January 22
Palm Beach Coin Show, American Polish Club, 4725 Lake Worth Road, Greenacres, FL Contact: Tony Swicer, PO Box 5823, Lake Worth, FL 33466
PH: 561-964-8180 (M - F + 9 -5)

January 28
Venice Coin and Currency Club Show. Venice Gardens Civic Center, 406 Shamrock Blvd. Vencie, FL
Contact: tskidmore10@comcast.net

February 11
The Ridge Coin Club of Sebring. Sebring Senior Citizens Center, 3400 Sebring Parkay, Sebring, FL. 9-3.. Contat: Barry Radawiec. PH: 863-382-8958.
email: scubarry@yahoo.com

****February 17-19**
The Collectorama Coin & Currency Show. The Lakeland Center, 701 West Lime, Lakeland, FL ++ Contact: Ed Kuszmar, PO Box 4049, Boca Raton, FL 33429
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website: CollectoramaShow@aol.com
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February 19
Maitland Coin and Currency Show, Maitland Civic Center, 641 S. MAitland Ave. MAitland, FL. Contact: JAson Lowery PH: 407-739-4817.
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February 26
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March 2-4
Tennessee State Numismatic Society Annual Coin Show, Cape Jordan Arena, Chattanooga, TN. Contact: Gayle Pike, PH: 901-327-1703
email: pikegk@aol.com AD - page 26

March 2-4
Sarasota & Manatee Coin Club's Show, Municipal Auditorium, 801 N. Tamiami Trail, US 41, Sarasota. Contact: Frank Cox, 755 S. Palm Ave. #203, Sarasota, FL 34236. PH: 941-954-0202.
email: frankcox@comcast.net

March 10
Fort Myers Coin and Paper Money Show, Elks Lodge, 1900 Park Meadows Drive, Fort Myers, Contact: Jay FMCC, PO Box 62056, Ft. Myers, FL 33906,
PH: 239-297-8592.
email: jcflcoins@comcast.net

March 16-18
Volusia Coin Expo 2011. Volusia County Fairgrounds, 3150 New York Ave., Deland, FL. Contact: Kevin Seymour Ph: 386-690-3111.

March 31
Brandon Coin Club Coin, Currency, and Stamp Show. Brandon Elks Lodge, 800 Centennial Dr. Brandon, FL. Contact: Mark Palermo. PH: 813-361-0740.
email: mpalermo1@tampabay.rr.com

April 13-15
Central Florida Coin Club's Spring Coin & Money Show. Central Florida Fairgrounds, Hall C. 4603 W. Colonial Dr. Orlando, FL. Contact: Donna Moon PO Box 568061, Orlando, FL 32856. PH: 407-657-6440 .
email: cfccbourse@hotmail.com
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April 27-29
48th Anniversary Georgia Numismatic Association Coin & Currency Show, NW GA Trade & Convention Center, Dalton, GA, I-75at Exit 333. Contact: Chip Cutcliff PH: 770-639-0190.
email: chascoins06@yahoo.com
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July 12-14
6th SUMMERFUN Convention.
ORANGE COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER 9800 International Drive•Hall C, Orlando, FL. Contact: Cindy Wibker, PO Box 471147, Lake Monroe, FL 32747-1147. PH: 407-321-8747. PH: 407-321-8747; Fax: 407-321-5138
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There is a separate line at the dealer registration counters with a header that reads "early bird badges." That line is open during all dealer registration hours. You may purchase your badge at the dealer registration counters any time before the F.U.N. show begins, and you may enter the bourse floor area at 2:00 PM on Wednesday during dealer set-up, and also at 8:30 AM each day rather than 10:00 AM when the public is allowed to enter. Also, your early bird badge will give you access to F.U.N.'s security room. **It will open at noon on Monday, January 2nd and remain open 24 hours a day until noon on Monday, January 9th. This badge will not allow you behind any dealer's table.**

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Taking a New Look at an Old Silver Dollar

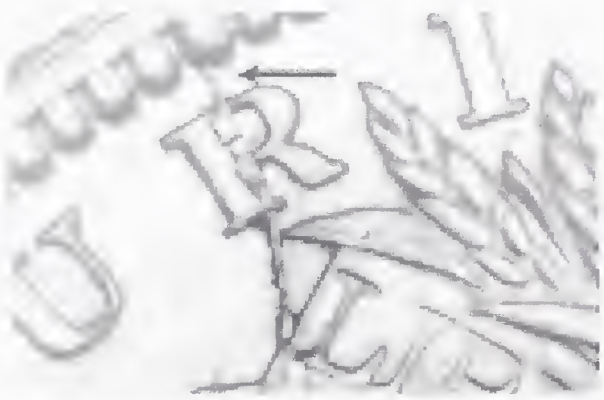
By Michael S. Fey, Ph.D.

How do you look at silver dollars? Could it be that you are passing up an opportunity to find a rare and valuable silver dollar error or variety just because of the way you look at your coins? This article will share my way of looking at silver dollars in the hopes that it will bring you more fun and perhaps good fortune.

When I first pick up a silver dollar, I look at the usual items, the date, mint mark and condition. However, when I flip the coin to look at the reverse, I always flip it exactly 180 degrees from top to bottom. In that way, I can immediate see if it's a rare rotated dies error. If the eagle comes up anything but straight up and down, it's a really good coin and depending on the date and mint mark, could be a really great coin. I seldom pass on acquiring a rotated dies silver dollar as they are all rare.

When first I look at the obverse, I also try to determine the die state of the coin when it was struck. Is it deep mirror proof-like (DMPL), proof-like (PL), semi-PL, satiny, or does it have characteristics of a later die state with eroded fields, die cracks or die breaks (raised metal on the surface), or orange-peel like texture?

There are many examples of rare die varieties listed in the Top 100, the Hot 50, Hit List 40 and other attribution guides that have features resulting directly from the die state in which the coins were struck. For example, radial die cracks, those coming in from the rim of a coin which was struck in the proof-like state indicate a die that was breaking early in its striking. This would likely indicate that it's a rare die variety and should be acquired.



Example of a Radial Die Crack

Silver dollars with raised metal on the obverse, reverse or rim indicate a die break. These tend to be rare occurrences, often rare terminal die states, and should also be acquired.

While looking at the obverse and reverse, I also try to notice evidence of die clashing. If it's normal die clashing marks as illustrated in images from The Comprehensive Catalog and Encyclopedia of Morgan and Peace Silver Dollars by Leroy C. Van Allen and A. George Mallis, or in Elite Clashed Morgan Dollars by Mark Kimpton, M.D., then I would have little interest. However, if there's die clashes that does not appear normal like those with letter transfer from obverse to reverse or vice versa (ie. "E" on the reverse, "O" mint mark on the obverse") doubled or multiple clashes, clashes with wide separation from one another, or clashes in places that are not normal, I would acquire, as the chances are good that the coin is a rare clashed variety.

At this point, I use a 10X loupe to more closely inspect the details of the coin's obverse and reverse for repunched dates, misplaced digits, doubling, overdates and over mintmarks, washed out features, die polishing, missing letters and so much more as indicated in the aforementioned references.

The point I would like to share is that looking at your silver dollars or any of your coins for more than just date, mint mark, and condition can be far more fun and rewarding.

Knowledge is King!

Michael S. Fey, Ph.D.

Co-author, The Top 100 Morgan Dollar Varieties: The VAM Keys
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Bourse:Bob Hurst, PH: 321-383-1742
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Annual meeting at Dalton GA

Brandon Coin Club, Inc #20799
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7:00 PM - 3rd Tuesday

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ANA annual and regional meetings

Bust Quarter Collectors Society #19615
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Knoxville, TN 37923

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Contact: PO Box 568061, Orlando, FL 32856. Senior Citizen's Center ,Corner of Marks St & Magnolia Ave
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7:00 PM - 2nd & 4th Tuesday

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Annual conventions, regional meetings

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Meets 4 times yearly

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PO Box 162, LaFox, IL 60147

Fort Lauderdale Coin Club LM - 726
PO Box 15604, Plantation, FL 33318 - Volunteer Park Community Ctr., 12050 W. Sunrise Blvd., Plantation, FL.
7:15 PM - 2nd & 4th Thursday
www.ftlauderdalecoinclub.com

Fort Myers/Cape Coral Coin Club #4361
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7:00 PM - 3rd Thursday
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bobcoin@earthlink.net
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PH: 904-733-8040 - NE Florida Safety Council, 1725 Art Museum Dr. Jacksonville, FL 32207
htttp://gjcc.anaclubs.org/
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International Association of Silver Art Collectors #12280
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Manatee Coin Club LM-801
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7PM - 3rd Tuesday.

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PO Box 13504 Silver Spring, MD 20911-3504. Annual Meeting: Whitman Expo-Baltimore
website: *www.mdstatenumisassn.org.*

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website: www.mccatl.org

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John W. Bordner, President 717-453-9530.
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National Silver Dollar Roundtable #8573
PO Box 913, Bowie, MD 20715-0913

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PH: 704-209-3034

North Lake Coin and Currency Club #21483
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St. John Lutheran Church, 10495 SE Sunset Harbor Rd. Summerland, FL 34491.
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Annual meeting FUN

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Ridge Coin Club of Sebring #600
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c/o David Klein, 640 S. Washington Blvd. Suite 100, Sarasota, FL 34236-7130
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7PM - 3rd Monday
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PO Box 273382, Tampa, FL 33688.
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Tennessee State Numismatic Society LM - 802
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505 Washington Trust Building, Washington, PA 15301

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Harry Gieseler - 321-269-3206. Indian River Civic Center. 4220 S. Hopkins, Titusville, FL
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Heather Community Center off Hwy 19
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It's a simple business principle that businesses cannot stay in business if they routinely lose money whenever they do a transaction. (Even non-profit businesses – such as FUN – have to generate income to remain in business.) So, if the secondhand dealer law prevents the dealer from disposing of the scrap metals items quickly, the dealer is being forced to gamble on what the price will be after the "holding" period is up and he is allowed to sell it. As you probably know, the prices of precious metals change not only daily, but many times during the day. Not being able to lock in a normal profit at the current commodity price forces the dealer to speculate on what the price WILL be at that point in the future. Obviously, there is no way for the dealer to know what the price will be – contrary to what some folks think, dealers do NOT have a crystal ball! So, in order to do his best to ensure that this is not a losing transaction for him, the dealer MUST reduce how much he pays you for the scrap jewelry. Even lowering the price doesn't guarantee a successful trade; it just gives him a fighting chance that this will be a profitable transaction.

If you question the real necessity of this "hedging", in the month of September, 2011 alone, the price of gold dropped over $200 per ounce. Scrap items purchased on the first of the month were worth about $200/ounce LESS by the end of the month. So the dealer must pay less than today's market price since he won't be able to sell the merchandise based on today's price and must guess what the price will be.

OK, so how much less are we talking? Depending on the variables of the law, the dealer will have to discount his buying price anywhere from 10% to perhaps as much as 60%. Even then he's still taking a risk. NOW do you see why the customer is the one who really pays for these secondhand/holding laws?

Remember, these secondhand laws are not limited to coin dealers; they also include any business that purchases secondhand items and they will discount their buy prices also – maybe even more than the coin dealer.

And now we get to the worst part. For a number of very good reasons, usually these laws specifically exempt legal tender numismatic coins and currency, and precious metals ingots and coins made of gold, silver, platinum and palladium. Sometimes, however, if collectors and dealers aren't vigilant, coin and precious metals coins/bars products can be included and coin and precious metals dealers can be included in the category of "Secondhand Goods Dealers."

When we're alerted to one of these laws being either proposed or expanded, we can help the local dealers/collectors make the case to keep precious metals coins & bars and numismatic coins OUT of the definition of secondhand property and therefore excluded from the law. But sometimes precious metals coin, bars and numismatic material ARE included. Whenever that happens, your ability to sell your coins and precious metals investments is severely hampered and usually forces you to ship your merchandise to out-of-state dealers.

Coin and precious metals dealers and investors/collectors are more often the targets of criminals, and are most eager to be supportive of law enforcement's efforts. But burdensome, poorly crafted regulations will only drive fencing further underground and will prevent local dealers from being in a position to offer assistance in the event that such investment items were imprudently kept at home and stolen.

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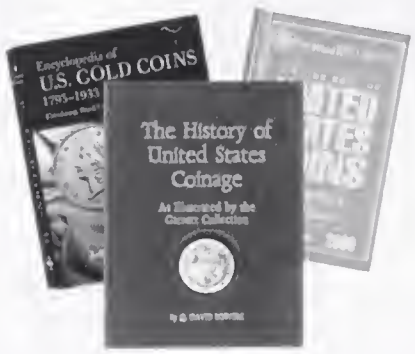

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Central Florida Coin Club- had their 3-day coin show September 9-11th with ANACS and ICG in attendance. BJ Neff inspected error coins. Cindy Wibker did a program on "Preparation and Judging of Exhibits". 250 members.

Clearwater Coin Club- annual banquet was October 11th at the Clearwater Country Club. 200 members.

Ft. Lauderdale Coin Club- has a monthly coin show with about 85 dealers. 225 members.

Ft. Myers/ Cape Coral Coin Club- will be celebrating their 50th anniversary and they will have coin shows this Fall on Saturday November 19th, December 17th, January 21st, and March 10th. 90 members.

Ft. Walton Beach Coin Club- had Bill Mathis discuss What Alexander Hamilton might have thought about the National Debt and why we should issue bonds payable in gold from Ft. Knox and finally the scarcity and popularity of the 1903-S Morgan Dollar.
120+ members.

Gold Coast Coin Club- had a DVD on "Ultimate Smart Coin Consumers" by Scott Travers. 100 members.

Greater Jacksonville Coin Club- heard Tony Bonaro speak on "Short Snorters".
228 members.

Ocala Coin Club- had John Wilson speak on "Cancelled Checks". 100 members.

Palm Beach Coin Club- had a Free Food Night and a program by Tony Swicer on "The Whitman Coin Expo, Philadelphia". The club signed up its 300th member at the September 14th meeting and now claims to be the largest local coin club in the US. 304 members.

St. Petersburg Coin Club- had a program entitled "Confessions of an Educated Idiot" by Gene N. 100 members.

Sarasota Coin Club- had David Klein give a talk on "What's Hot & What's Not". 100 members.

South Brevard Coin Club- read this newsletter and came up with some new ideas for programs. Show N Tell saw a 2008 Proof Buffalo Set, a Montreal $10 bill, and an Indian Motorcycle wrench bought at the flea market for $3. 100 members.

Titusville Coin Club- had too much food at their meeting. Ray Bows talked on "Why Coins & Tokens have holes in them", with pictures and a demonstration. 100 members.

Treasure Coast Coin Club- had Bob Hurst speak on "Other Treasures found at Coin Shows", meaning odd and curious numismatic items. 110 members.

West Hernando Coin Club- had Bernard Bathhauer speak on "Early American Coins". Show N Tell had Jack Iaci show a coin from Pearl Harbor and a Tucson coin club medal.
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ICTA Update

By Diane Piret

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Especially in today's active precious metals market, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT BOTH DEALERS AND CUSTOMERS BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OR EXPANSION OF SECONDHAND DEALER LAWS TO KEEP THEM FROM BECOMING UNNECESSARILY BURDENSOME. Working together is important to preserving how we conduct business in our hobby!

*In post-Katrina Louisiana, where homes and businesses continue to rebuild, the theft of copper tubing and similar construction materials has reached a critical level, hence the new, especially restrictive law. (I have personally heard stories of how the materials were delivered to the site one afternoon and disappeared overnight – and this happened several times at the same location! It's very hard to secure construction materials at the site when there aren't even any walls up for the house yet.)

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1859-S Double Eagle
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Summer is gone and the sun is setting earlier every day. I cannot believe how fast time seems to be speeding by. I hope that your summer was filled with exciting numismatic adventures. Perhaps you came to the F.U.N. Summer Show, or perhaps you were lucky enough to go to the ANA Summer Seminars in Colorado Springs. Regardless of what you did, it's time to buckle down and get ready for winter. With less day light outside you may end up spending more time indoors. This would be an excellent time to settle down and do a little more numismatic reading. In this hobby, there is always time to read and learn.

What would really be cool, is to read, learn and write. Yes, I said write. That means picking up your pen or typing on your laptop. Did you know that you can earn "cool cash" and "cool prizes" by writing about numismatics. It's really true. What do you know about the ANA Young Numismatists (YN) Literary Awards. Would a Plaque with your name on it, $500 in cool cash, and a $500 voucher to buy more numismatic books interest you. Do I have your interest. Then it's time to go on line and check it out. For more information about this awesome program visit www.money.org. Select "Young Numismatists" from the "Explore the World Money" pull down menu and find out about the treasures waiting to be discovered. It can't hurt and it can be a lot of fun. Maybe not as good as F.U.N., but fun.

So what would you like to do at the F.U.N. Show in January 2012. Every year I try to come up with a creative Young Numismatists program that is educational, exciting, and fun. However, I really would like to hear what you would like to do. Have you been to any other coin shows or coin club meetings and really enjoyed the program. If so, tell me all about it. Maybe we can do the same thing in Orlando. I am always open for new ideas. You can always send me an email at t.bonaro@xorail.com. Maybe you would even help me run the next YN program. Think something is cool, tell me about it.

So "Where Do The Buffalo Roam"? The following YN's sent in the correct answer to our trivia question.

Kevn Johnson, Justin Wurst, Mitchell Veytia, Kevin Brown, Mark Kay and James Wojciak. Together they sent in a wonderful list of U.S. coins that are grazed by the American Bison. Their list included:

2001 American Buffalo Commemorative Silver Dollar
1999 Yellowstone National Park Commemorative Silver Dollar
1991 Mount Rushmore Anniversary commemorative half dollar
1913-1938 Indian Head / Buffalo nickel
2005 Spring Reverse Design: "American Bison" nickel
2010 Yellowstone National Park Quarter
2005 Kansas State Quarter
2006 North Dakota Quarter

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YN's Have FUN

Young Numismatists

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I even gave credit for the buffalo skull on the Montana quarter. Although that buffalo was not eating much grass or roaming too far. Each winner will get a set of 20 different world coins.

TRIVIA QUESTION

So here's our next YN Trivia question. What foreign Queen is on the obverse of what U.S. coin. Tell me her name, the country she is from, and what she did to get such an honor. I also need to know what coin it is and what year it was minted. Hail to the queen.

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ANA Summer Seminar 2011

By Mack Martin

I had the opportunity to attend the ANA Summer Seminar thanks to the Louis A. Montesi award given for the Best of Show exhibit at the 2011 FUN Show.

I planned for the first week and signed up for two courses in Obsolete Paper Money. Within that first week I was able to spend time with several friends that had signed up. We went with a condo type dwelling with a living room and kitchen and four bedrooms. My roommates were FUN exhibitor Dennis Schafluetzel from Chattanooga, TN. and David Goya from San Mateo, CA.

I was met at the airport by Dan "Tiny" Crosse, who I feel is one of the most famous guys there. I would like to mention here that if you feel you are not up to making the Summer Seminar due to the walking you may need to do or other health reasons, my friend Tiny will pick you up and take you where ever you need to go. He has been great the last couple years taking care of my friends.

I was placed on a bus with other arrivals and some of the ANA staff. We were taken to the Loomis Dormitory on the campus of Colorado College. Check in was fast, easy and all the material I would need for the week was given to me. There was a large lunch buffet set up for those arriving. Drinks and dessert items were there also. That evening a Bar-B-Q dinner reception took place where old friends were met and new friends made. This year the cafeteria was being remodeled and a different building was used but there was plenty to feast on.

There were many great classes offered and it was hard to make a decision but I was glad I chose the ones I did, which were Confederate and Southern States Paper Money and United States Obsolete Paper Money and Scrip. The classes were taught by ANA Governor and Ohio Obsolete book writer Wendell Wolka. The class had great participation with ten in attendance. Everything you needed to know about this subject was discussed in detail.

Classes began at 9:00 AM and there was a break at 12:00 noon for a lunch. Numismatist talk continued and new friends were made at every meal. From 1:00 pm till 4:00 pm we were back in class. The evenings offered side excursions such as a train ride to the top of Pike's Peak, or a baseball game. After dinner there were other seminars, plus an auction by the Young Numismatics which will accept donations for their auction to raise money for the YN scholarships. The YN's did a great job collecting, numbering and cataloging all the auction material and over 24,000 was raised. Every night a group would gather on the patio to continue conversations and get to know each other.

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ANA Summer Seminar 2011

By Mack Martin

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There were opportunities to buy at the ANA gift shop, and a special book sale. I did explore the many items and books represented in the library about Georgia Paper Money. The museum was one I cannot even start to describe with an impressive display entitled "The Civil War Remembered". There was also an unbelievable collection of gold and pattern coins by Harry Bass. A reception was provided at the ANA museum where I had the opportunity to meet well-known ANA members and staff. I got to meet Ken Bressett (Red Book Editor) and spent time with Tom Youngblood (Georgia Numismatic Association Vice President) and ANA program director Susan McMillan.

The graduation dinner would bring an end to the week with recognition of instructors and the YN of the year, Chris Donato. Everyone is willing to spend time with you and my evening ended with some friendship time with Cliff Mishler (ANA President) Joe Meyers (Coin Dealer) Dennis Schafluetzel (A Top Exhibitor) Joe Boling (ANA Governor and Exhibit Chairman) and Greg Ison (Georgia Numismatic Association President). It was fun time and a great evening. You should have been there!

Since I certainly could not get everything done I wanted to do, I will have to make another trip. I would like to thank the FUN board for making this trip possible. I also wish to thank the members of FUN for the opportunity to attend the 2011 summer seminar. I would encourage all the members to make the ANA Summer Seminar event happen as part of their numismatic future.

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America the Beautiful Quarter Program Issues 4th Coin for 2011 Vicksburg National Military Park Ceremony

By Gayle K. Pike

I really enjoyed attending the Hot Springs National Park quarter ceremony last year. Ernie, that works for me was born in Mississippi. A good excuse to attend the Mississippi quarter ceremony being held Tuesday August 30 th in Vicksburg, Mississippi and honoring The Vicksburg National Military Park. I had read a bit about the Battle of Vicksburg and had no idea it was of such importance to the Civil War. Troops from at least 10 states fought in the battle.

We decided to leave early on Monday. That way we could get to Vicksburg in time to tour the park before the crowds on Tuesday the day of the actual ceremony. I do not remember a lot of the drive down as I fell asleep. Ironically I was awakened by a call from another coin dealer looking for Vicksburg quarters. A few minutes later the car fuel light came on and my stomach screamed for lunch. We stopped in Madison, Mississippi. I noticed a place named The Haute Pig with a full parking lot. We looked around but other restaurants were chains so we decided to give The Haute Pig a try. I tried their signature Sandwich called the Ginny Pig. It was good and they had great baked beans.

We stopped at an antique mall around 30 miles from Vicksburg. The proprietor asks where we are from. Ernie explains that we were from Memphis and down for the quarter ceremony. The lady asks what quarter ceremony. Ernie explained about the National Park Quarters to which the lady replied "Don't we have enough quarters?" Ernie explained that this one honored Vicksburg National Military Park to which she replied " I guess that's ok."

We got to the park and started with a restroom visit. The first thing we noticed upon entering the visitor center was a large display of replica Confederate bills and coins. I took a picture of the display just so I could show it to people who do not believe me when I have to tell them their confederate bill is not genuine and is of the type sold in gift shops. We ask about parking for the ceremony and are told they are expecting huge crowds in addition to over 2,000 children. They are telling people to arrive at 7 AM although the ceremony does not start till 9:30 AM. Since there were maybe 300 people at the Hot Springs ceremony and 200 school children I am a bit skeptical of their estimates but we plan to arrive early the next day as they suggest.

We head out to tour the park. There is an $8.00 admission fee. I have it in my hand and the Ranger asks who has the handicapped parking tag. Ernie replies that he does. She asks if he would like a lifetime pass to enter any National Park for free. Ernie says "sure". He looks at me as I put away the $8.00 and jokes "I'm special". I can tell he is going to be insufferable for the rest of the day!! With Ernie's fancy pass hanging from the mirror we head in to tour the battlefield. We pass only a few people as we drive the 16 mile winding one way route thru the park. It is mostly markers of Confederate and Union lines and of specific battle points. There are also massive monuments to different regiments that fought and died in the Battle of Vicksburg, There are some beautiful pieces of sculpture. Many states erected monuments to those that served and died. Some were small and simple while others were huge and ornate.

Continuing on the drive through the park we arrive at an overlook. Below is a white canopy covering an old boat and a flurry of activity around it. We have arrived at the USS Cairo and the Cairo Museum. Chairs are being set up and a stage. There is a huge blue box labeled US Mint sitting on the side. I walk around the Cairo. It is so amazing!! The Paddle Wheel especially. One can see where the wood covered in mud was mostly preserved but wood emerging from mud to water decayed. In the museum were things found on the boat. There were many, many items but a few stood out. A shoe, a comb, a gun and some coins. There was a 3 cent piece and an 1861 Indian Cent. There was also a British Large Penny and a couple of other foreign coins. I wish I could have spent more time in the Museum but we still had 4 or 5 miles left and were running out of time.

We exit the park and head to the hotel. On the way we stop at a local Italian restaurant pointed out by our GPS as being close. We ask two ladies exiting if the food is good and are assured that it is the best Italian in town. It was indeed good and portions big enough we both ask for to go boxes. There is a Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory across from the Italian Restaurant. I treat myself to 3 or 4 pieces. We head to the hotel and get ready for Tuesday and the ceremony.

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America the Beautiful Quarter Program

By Gayle K. Pike

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We depart the hotel about 6:00 AM and grab a quick breakfast at Waffle House. Our plans is to arrive at the park around 6:30. We head to the back entrance nearest the Cairo. We are the first to arrive and have to wait till 7AM when the gate opened. We were the first in this parking lot and the first people on the first shuttle, We start to circle to other parking areas and pick up others as we head down to the Cairo hoping we will be lucky enough to get a seat and we are, right on the very first row and dead center. I hear a man several seats down from me saying he has been to all the National Park Quarter ceremonies. All I can say is "WOW". I hear that between 30 and 50 busses of school children are expected and around 8 AM busses start arriving one right after the other. The children are unloaded and find seats on the grass. I see busses not only from Mississippi but Louisiana.

A small bird flutters above the Cairo. It is a very unique and inspiring experience to be seated so close to this ship that fought in the Civil War 150 years ago. It sank and spent years in a muddy grave before being restored as a monument to the ingenuity of 150 years ago. It is so fitting this ship is on the Vicksburg Battlefield quarter.Trustmark Bank is setting up their table for the quarter exchange following the ceremony. An Armored Car arrives and boxes of quarters are unloaded and stored under guard until the quarter swap after the ceremony.

A tripod is set up on stage with a hanging pot. Wood is placed under it to symbolize a fire. My guess is it represents a campfire the soldier in battle might have cooked over. This will be the scene of the official quarter pour signifying the quarter is officially released. There is a lot of practicing. The color guards, the presentation of plaques and the pouring of the quarters.

The music by the Hinds Community College Jubilee Singers is to begin at 9 AM with the ceremony to begin at 9:30. Port A Potties have been set up and about 8:45AM I decide is a good time to go since I am sitting on the front row for the ceremony. The quiet has gone to a dull roar as busses of children are arriving fast and furious. The seating for adults is only about half full shortly after 9 AM but there are thousands of kids.

One of the ladies that apparently is in charge is looking for some front row seats for the Mayor and a couple of Congressmen. We offer to move over a few seats leaving enough seating for the dignitaries. A very friendly lady is seated next to me. I come to learn she is the assistant to Mississippi Congressman Bennie G. Thompson who is apparently working the crowd. We chat about some of the music by the Jubilee Singers who are great. They play and sing a mixture of patriotic, gospel and 60's songs. She notices I am taking notes and inquires. I explain I am writing and article for a couple of coin publications. She asks me to send the Congressman a copy of my article and gives me her card. Just before the ceremony starts I can see one of the Rangers who has been directing much activity. He is standing looking over the fruits of his labor. I later learn when he is introduced during the ceremony that he is the Superintendent of the Vicksburg Park, Michael Madell. He does have reason to be proud.

At 9:30 the Emcee, Walt Grayson from Mississippi Public Broadcasting extends a welcome and introduces those on the podium. He asks for the Presentation of the Colors. The Navy Jr. ROTC from Warren Central High School march to the center and present the flags. The National Anthem is sung by the Warren Central High School Choirs. The Pledge of Allegiance was done by 4 very charming Girl Scouts from Vicksburg Troop #5107. We wait to be told to be seated, which the MC finally remembered. Apparently he did not practice as much as the others had!!

The park superintendent, Michael Madell, welcomed everyone and gave a bit of history of the park and the USS Cairo, that is pictured on the quarter. The Cairo was a Union Gunboat sunk by a Confederate Mine. In 1956 it was discovered at the bottom of the Yazoo River, by Edward Bearss who was the historian for the Vicksburg Park. She was raised Dec. 12, 1964 exactly 102 years to the day after her sinking. The Cairo eventually was transported to the Vicksburg National Military Park and was restored. . The superintendent laughs that there are some items found on the ship in the museum that nobody knows what they were even used for. He invites us to visit the Museum and try and figure them out.

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America the Beautiful Quarter Program

By Gayle K. Pike

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A young man dressed in a Civil War Union Navel Outfit is introduced and portrays George Yost the Cairo's youngest sailor. The poor man must be roasting since his outfit is made of wool!!! He reads an account of the day of the sinking and how he saved his diary. I can't begin to say how dramatic the words were of a man that survived that ship sinking 150 years ago. To hear them as if it we just yesterday.

Sarah McCullough, who was the Cultural Heritage Manager in the Mississippi Department of Tourism, brought a welcome from Governor Barber. She spoke about her father being a coin collector and how you hold history in your hand each time you hold coins and how the quarter program is history in each state.

The Emcee asks if we remembered the cartoon character Scrooge McDuck who sat in his office and threw money in the air. He said the next speaker sat in his office and throws money in the air. With that comment he introduced the final speaker, Fred (Al) Runnels, Chief of Staff, United States Mint.

Mr Runnels said it was great to be back in Mississippi since he was born in McGee, Mississippi. He also spoke about a bit of the park history. That The Vicksburg National Military Park has the largest interment of Civil War dead. That the USS Cairo was the first to be sunk by electrically detonated torpedoes. He asks the kids what they know about quarters. How long does a quarter last? 30 years was the answer. How many Vicksburg quarters were produced? 64 million was the answer. Mr. Runnels also announced that there were more children here than at any other quarter ceremony. He presented the first struck coin mounted on a plaque to Park Superintendent, Michael Madell. The second struck quarter was presented to Sarah McCullough.
Then came the moment we all had waited for known as the quarter pour. Mr. Runnels from the US Mint, and Superintendent Michael Madell poured quarters from mint bags into the metal pot to signify the official release.

It was then announced for all the school children to remain in place and they each would receive a free Vicksburg quarter. The rest of us could get in line and buy up to 10 rolls or $100 worth of the new Quarter. We raced to get in line. By the time we got in line there were only about 35 to 50 people ahead of us. Much shorter than the Hot Springs line which had several hundred people. Ernie and I each got our 10 rolls. There were only a few in line when we finished so we got back in line for another 10 rolls each. I noticed one guy with a rolling lap top computer case. I realized he was using it to carry quarters. I sure wish we had thought of that! I was sure glad to have Ernie to carry the rolls. I would have never made it on the shuttle carrying all those rolls.

As we were leaving I hear park rangers, who were giving out free quarters to the kids, say they had run out and were scurrying to get more to make sure every child at the ceremony got one.

We walked to the shuttle stop and boarded the shuttle to go to our car. Immediately upon arriving at the car Ernie and I both headed for the ice chest and a cold drink. A cup of cold coke in each cup holder, we headed out of the park onto the road back to Memphis. We stopped in Ridgeland, Mississippi at a newly built shopping center that seemed to have several restaurants. We found a Peppers Deli and had some lunch. We got several cookies to snack on during the trip back to Memphis and hit the road.

As we were driving back I kept thinking about the Cairo and how impressive the ship was. When I think of the Civil War I think of soldiers running across fields shooting at each other but not of huge boats fighting from rivers. I wanted to learn a bit more about them. The Cairo was known as a City Class Ironclad. It carried 17 officers and 158 sailors. It was one of seven named in honor of towns along the upper Mississippi and Ohio Rivers. They had 13 big cannons on them. They were developed to use on the inland rivers. The North hoped to regain control of the lower Mississippi and split the Confederacy in two. The Cairo was built in Mound City, Illinois and commissioned January 1862. She did not see much action but was in the Battle of Memphis. Of course being from Memphis I found this of interest. On the day she sunk, December 12, 1862 she was to go up the Yazoo River, north of Vicksburg and clear torpedoes. Instead one sank her. She went down in 36 feet of water in 12 minutes but no lives were lost.

Today the USS Cairo is the last remaining example of a "city class" ironclad. Its restoration a marvel and certainly worthy of being on the Mississippi National Park Quarter.

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EXHIBITS

By Ginger Rapsus

Collectors attend coin shows for different reasons. Some are in search of that one coin to complete a set. Some may not be able to afford that one special coin, but enjoy seeing rare and expensive coins that they dream about. Other collectors come to conventions to talk to coin friends, old and new, perhaps to meet coin enthusiasts they have spoken to on the phone or e-mailed.

Another good reason to attend a major show is to see the exhibits. Collectors young and old, experienced and novice, display their favorite pieces. Most of these exhibits are very well done, showing years of research, attracting the attention of conventioneers.

Major shows also feature exhibits of rare and seldom-seen pieces, courtesy of the Smithsonian Institute, a local museum, a private collector, or another organization. Coins that the average collector can only dream about can be seen in eye-catching displays that draw crowds. Much information is available at these displays, enabling collectors to learn more about special coins, paper money, and other items.

Often it is worth the expense of traveling to a convention to see these exhibits. Unique coins and sets of coins in high grades can be seen.

A complete set of Liberty Seated dollars, all in Mint State and Proof, was displayed at a major show some years ago. How many collectors have ever seen a proof coin from the 1840s, or even realize these coins exist? A number of these coins were part of the set, along with the four Carson City issues, and a lovely 1870-S dollar—one of only a dozen or so known!

The finest known collection of copper coins appeared at a major convention not long ago. Choice large cents dating back to 1793 were some of the highlights of this display. Two hundred year old copper coins, showing mint red and plenty of detail, dazzled collectors and specialists. Half cents, too, were part of this set, through Flying Eagle and Indian cents, to twentieth-century Lincoln cents, with a few patterns thrown in for good measure.

Lincoln cent fans know that the early matte proof issues are scarce and hard to locate in choice condition. Collectors who preferred the mirror-like proofs often spent these coins. The copper exhibit included all matte proof Lincolns, many showing beautiful toning. The 1915 specimen, in particular, was the most perfect-looking early Lincoln cent any collector could find.

Upon entering a show in Denver a few years ago, a collector could find a line of people waiting to see the ten 1933 double eagles recently seized by the government. Non-collectors who heard about these coins on the news were fascinated by these historical pieces. Casual and serious collectors, too, wanted to see the ten double eagles—worth approximately $7 million each!

The Smithsonian has shown one of their own 1933 double eagles, the final year of issue, along with a unique 1849 double eagle, a first year striking. This exhibit also contains a few other scarce coins, such as the high relief 1907 double eagle owned by President Theodore Roosevelt.

One double eagle that is rare, but not that famous, is the 1927-D. Most of this issue was melted, and only a dozen or so still exist. One was exhibited by itself at a major show, and did not attract that much attention, although advanced collectors knew what this coin was, and how special it is.

Bust half dollar nuts were able to see a rare 1838-O half dollar at a convention. The first branch mint coin, Mint records state that only twenty were struck. The coin showed evidence of an old cleaning, but is lovely to the eyes of a specialist.

The first silver dollar struck by the Philadelphia Mint in 1794 is one of the scarcest and most popular coins in the American series. How about the dollar supposed to be the first one struck? A display showing off this coin appeared at a major show, along with another famous rarity—a 1787 Brasher Doubloon. Fans of early federal coinage drooled over a set of 1796 coins at a show in 1996. The two hundred year old coins, including the half cent and half dollar rarities, were all in high grade!

Seldom seen sets can be viewed at exhibits, such as a near-complete run of Seated Liberty quarters, and a complete set of half dimes, including the rare 1802. These coins will never be the most popular among numismatists, but specialists who enjoy these coins were happy to see them—and collectors of modern coins were able to see something different, too.

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F.U.N.
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Adult Scholarship Program

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2011 Winner - Richard Spencer

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4) Agreeing to submit an article to FUN Topics upon return from the Annual ANA Summer Seminar on the subject matter of your class.
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General Guidelines:

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2011 Winner - Mack Martin

1. Only one scholarship will be given each year for the Best-of-Show winner.
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3. If you win the scholarship, you would be required to be an ANA member before the scholarship is awarded.
4. You are required to write an article for FUN-Topics.
5. FUN will pay for coach airfare, tuition, and a room in the dorm and food in the campus cafeteria. If anyone wants to stay and eat elsewhere, they will be given a $ amount equal to the "Campus rates".
6. The award must be used the year it is awarded.
7. Any deviation from the above must be approved by the FUN Board of Directors.

EXHIBITS

By Ginger Rapsus

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Paper money collectors, too, can view remarkable sets at conventions. A display of 250 Bank notes from the state of Illinois was shown in Rosemont. Treasure hunters have enjoyed large exhibits of gold coins, bars, and other items recovered from sunken ships. Souvenirs of the Columbian Exposition, including the first Columbian half dollar struck, made up an impressive display at a show in Rosemont.

Handouts, brochures, and booklets containing the history of the coins, paper money, and other collectables are often available at the displays, so collectors can save these as souvenirs and references of the wonderful exhibits they have seen.

Perhaps the best exhibit of all appeared in 2003, when all five 1913 Liberty nickels were reunited. The Smithsonian Institute's coin, as well as the American Numismatic Association coin and the two others known, were proudly displayed for the public to see, along with background information on these fascinating coins. One specimen had been missing for over forty years, but turned up and was verified as genuine the night before the convention opened. The reunion of the five coins, and the discovery of the long-missing coin, were the buzz of the show all weekend. Long lines to see the five coins continued throughout the show.

The highlight of anyone's collecting experience may be locating that last coin to complete a set, or finding a rarity. For others who cannot afford truly rare coins, the opportunity to see sets and exhibits of special coins can be a fun experience, making attendance at a show that much more memorable. The End.

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Biographies of Board Members 2012-2013

TONY BONARO

I am much younger than the coins I collect and much older than the YN's I work with in the coin collecting merit badge classes I conduct for the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. Of the 59 years I have been blessed to be on the earth I spent 22 of them in the service of my country in the U.S. Marine Corps. I am currently the Safety/Training Director for an Engineering company in Jacksonville, Florida. I am a husband, a father of four and a grandfather of two very cute little girls, and of a grandson whose smile could melt gold.

As a young boy I collected Lincoln one cent pieces. I did not collect nickels and dimes, as one could be used for a large candy bar and the other for a 12 ounce bottle of root beer. My father had a box of old silver he accumulated and every now and then we were allowed to go through them. I however, did not become fully engaged in coin collecting until 2002, after my son and I were able to attend the ANA show in Jacksonville, Florida.

Now, I never put change or currency back into my pocket without looking at it in search of any thing out of the ordinary. Over the last five years I have been working on a set of Morgan Dollars and current commemorative dollars. My sons and I have completed the set of state quarters for 1999 to 2008.

In January of this year (2011) I was the recipient of the F.U.N. Presidential Award for outstanding work with our YN Program. Over the last six years that I have been able to work with the YN's and Scouts we have had a tremendous increase in the participation of both programs. Our average YN programs has an attendance of approximately 50 youth at each show. The scout coin collecting merit badge programs has averaged approximately 85-90 participants at each show. I really enjoy providing these programs for our youth and hope to continue to do so.

In 2010 I was honored with the Paul O'Day Memorial Award for distinguished and dedicated service to the Greater Jacksonville Coin Club. Here too, I also work with the YN's and Scouting program. In the past six years we have had over 400 scouts earn their coin collecting merit badge.

I am closing my third term on the F.U.N. Board and thoroughly enjoy participating as a Board Member. I look forward to serving for another term if elected. As a member of the board I want to make sure that all Board decisions and actions are moral and ethical. I am interested in ensuring that the direction the Board takes are consistent with the desires and beliefs of all F.U.N. members. Overall, it is my goal to make the Florida United Numismatists the number one numismatic organization in the country.

Randy Campbell

Randy Campbell was first elected to the board of Florida United Numismatists in 1979. He has served FUN as Vice President, President(1989-1990) and Chairman of the Board(1991-1992).

Randy has served FUN as Director of Education since 1979. His goal has been to present and arrange for "an outstanding array of speakers and topics at every FUN Convention." By all accounts, he has succeeded in that effort.

Randy has been the recipient of several numismatic awards. In 1991 he won Krause Publications prestigious Numismatic Ambassador's Award. He has received the A.N.A.'s Presidential Award from three different A.N.A. Presidents.

Randy was a founding board member of the National Silver Dollar Roundtable. He served as NSDR President in 1997 and 1998. That organization awarded him its "Lifetime Achievement Award" many years ago.

Randy's 32-year service to FUN has brought him many awards. He has twice won the Charles Fine Literary Award for the Best article in FUNTopics. And he has been awarded FUN's Award of Merit on two separate occasions, the only person in the history of FUN to be so honored.

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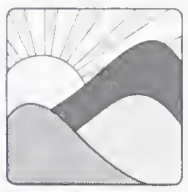

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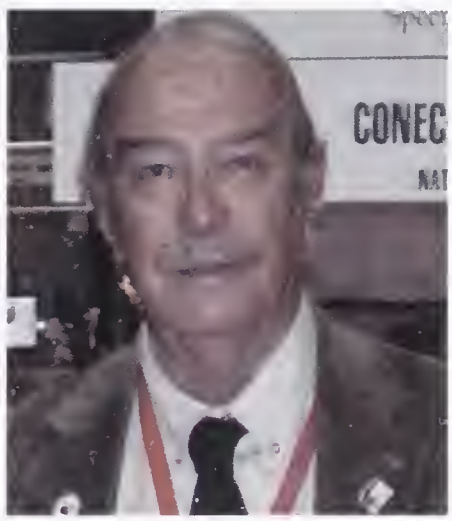
FRED LAKE

Serving on the Board of Directors of the Florida United Numismatists, Inc. for the past sixteen years has been a great privilege and honor. My duties have included working as the official photographer, attending to the signage directing convention attendees to all of the activities, and helping with the Educational Talks. In each of these jobs, I have worked to preserve the historical record of this fine organization and to bring attention to the educational aspects of FUN.

Some of my vital statistics:

1. Resident of St. Petersburg for over twenty-two years.
2. Staff photographer for FUN for the past nineteen years.
3. Owner of Lake Books, a firm dealing in numismatic literature.
4. Member of the Numismatic Bibliomania Society, the Early American Coppers, American Numismatic Association and other groups associated with our hobby.



ROBERT (B.J.) Neff

Robert (BJ) Neff became interested in numismatics after retiring with honors from the U. S. Navy Submarine Force in October of 1982. He spent 21 years of service on 4 different submarines in both the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. BJ Neff retired from the service in Hawaii, while stationed at NSTCP, teaching anti-submarine warfare.

At first, the main focus of his interest in this hobby was with the United States Lincoln and Indian head cents. However, in 2003, after discovering his first accredited variety Lincoln cent, he became enamored with error and variety coins. Since that time, most of his efforts have been devoted to that sector of numismatics.

While serving in the U. S. Navy, he became a qualified instructor and he has taken this learned skill to conduct presentations on various coin topics for the F. U. N. conventions, the Central Florida Coin Club and other local coin clubs. He has also written numerous articles for FUN Topics, The HUB (NCADD's bi-monthly publication) and ERRORSCOPE (CONECA's bi-monthly publication). His article in the 2009 summer FUN Topics, "Something New from China?" was presented the "Charles B. Fine" award for best article of that year.

BJ Neff is presently an active member of ANA, Central Florida Coin Club (VP), CONECA (past BOD), Florida United Numismatists, NCADD (Editor of "The HUB") and the Numismatic Literary Guild. He is also a variety coin attributer for Coppercoins.com. For the last four years he has manned a table, sponsored by CONECA and/or NCADD, at the F.U.N. and Central Florida Coin Club coin shows. The main function of this table is to provide a public service by giving free verbal attributions and information on variety and error coins. This valuable service lead to Jeanie Neff (his wife) and BJ Neff being presented the Dr. Lyndon King award from CONECA for the most outstanding club member(s) of that organization for the year 2008.

BOB RUSSELL

The old adage "Time flies when you are having fun" certainly does apply to my position on the FUN Board of Directors as Chief Judge for Exhibits. Two more years have zipped by and it is time for me to once again ask for your vote of confidence and to re-elect me to the FUN Board.

As a member of the FUN Board of Directors the past five years I have had the truly rewarding position of FUN Chief Judge for exhibits. My position as Chief Judge is one of the better assignments I have had in my lifetime. I have had the privilege of meeting some of the most interesting and knowledgeable people in numismatics and also of overseeing some of the most intriguing and educational exhibits ever to be put on display.

My passion for numismatics is unbounded. I have found as long as I am in a coin environment it is never work, simply a pleasure. I maintain membership in FUN, ANA, CSNS and I am currently the president of the Central Florida Coin Club. I am looking forward to continuing to serve the membership of the Florida United Numismatists as a member of the Board of Directors. It will always be a pleasure to serve and contribute to the success of FUN.

In Memory of
CHARLES D. PRICE SR
(1931-2011)

Charlie Price, 80, passed away in the early evening of July 31st slipped the bonds of this world to join those who preceded him, where there are no more tears or pain or sorrows.

Born in Burgin, Kentucky on March 28, 1931, he was very proud to later become an Honorary Kentucky Colonel. He started a career in drapery installation in 1955 for several of Tallahassee's finest stores. After 30 years of installing draperies, he retired to continue pursuing his longtime love of coin collecting. He was a life member of the American Numismatic Association, the Georgia Numismatic Association, and former President of the Florida United Numismatists. He proudly served his country for 22 years in the National Guard. In work and in service, he never met a stranger and was always ready with a joke and a smile.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Frances Green Price; his sister Margaret Price West; his two children, Charles D. "Bert" Price, Jr.(Amy); and Debra Price "Debbie" Wright(Bryan); and four grandchildren, Shawn; Krista; Danielle; and Charles III.

The numismatic community lost an old friend on July 31st of this year. Charlie Price stated in an interview during the 50th anniversary celebration of the Florida United Numismatists held in Ft. Lauderdale that there were only 11 people involved in the beginning. His first convention was in '56-57 where he then became involved with FUN. He was a charter member of the club and as one of the founding members related during an interview Charlie gave up membership #11 to another because "they really wanted that number". Doug Brown referred to Charlie Price in that interview "a very generous man". Charlie was President for the first time in 1966 and then again in 1972. Prior to that time and during his tenure with the club he held several positions on the board. One of which was as Exhibit Chairman. It was related to us that he was instrumental in developing the type of prizes that are rewarded to our exhibitors today. At first trophies and plaques were given out to the winners. Charlie suggested that gold coins be given out and that later evolved into Commemorative coins. He and Gene Hynds would make the holders for the prizes with the use of tools supplied by Doug Brown.

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On Monetary Paper: A Canadian Perspective

By Harold Don Allen

(James E. Charlton, currently marking his 100th birth anniversary in relative retirement, has been Canada's foremost numismatic cataloguer over relatively recent decades, a highly respected "coin" auctioneer, and (through winter residency) a particular friend of FUN an of Florida numismatists. Jim recently invited Don Allen, a FUN life member and FUNTopics regular contributor, to pen these observations on paper money on the eve of Canada's proposed switch to folding money of polymer plastic. Don urged that the text be shared with FUNTopics: it has not previously appeared in print. --Ed.)

"Printing press money" is of considerable antiquity, Classic Chinese notes can be viewed at the British Museum, London, the Bank of Canada collection, Ottawa, and at still other such public locations. Much folding money circulated during the American Revolution, the French Revolution, and the U.S. civil war interval, with some such notes surprisingly collectible to this day.

Canadian paper money, across several time spans, has been distinctively attractive, featuring portraiture, scenery, and outstanding allegorical art.

World paper money, of late, has become a collecting area of increased importance.

Zimbabwe, the former Rhodesia (Southern Rhodesia), has been setting records of a sort by issuing notes (more strictly, bearer checks) denominated to the trillions of [Zimbabwe] dollars.

Canada, as it turns out, can offer the monetary student a century and more of relatively collectible folding money. One can restrict acquisition to areas (and grades) where note supply is about up to demand.

Canada's pre-Confederation currency (pre-1870, actually) derived primarily from government-regulated commercial banks of issue. Names of many such pioneer banks are lost to the public, lost either through merger or, during certain intervals, through outright failure. Thus, Molsons Bank, named for a banking and brewing family, became absorbed by Bank of Montreal, while Home Bank of Canada was to be the last spectacular chartered bank suspension. Indeed, notes of Canada's commercial banks tended to be regarded by collectors who might have known better, as monetary second class citizens, and long were undervalued by such collectors. Dominion of Canada (federal government) and later Bank of Canada legal tender was the paper collectible of choice. With Confederation, Dominion notes of 25 cents, 1 dollar and 2 dollar values represented the most familiar paper denominations, augmented from 1882 by three decades of a $4 legal tender denomination. A government $5, the popular "train" note, replaced the $4 from 1912. A new $5, the Queen Mary portrait note, succeeded the train note some time after 1924. Chartered banks still were issuing $5's, and certain multiples of $5, so, as it happened, the Queen Mary $5's were held primarily as bank reserves, such reserves having met "cash" requirements.... such government legal tender

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having been deemed "good and as gold." Banks normally didn't "pay out" this scarce issue, preferring to place in circulation the bank's own notes ... which represented, in a very real sense, an interest-free loan. The Queen Mary $5, in any event, is one scarce note.

What Canada's collectors, and even dealers, have been slow to appreciate, is that virtually all $5 notes, and all of $10 through $100 denomnitonic, from the 1880's through to the opening of the Bank of Canada in 1935, had been chartered bank notes-- universally accepted, in practice. Conspicuously, however, numbers of chartered banks, though not of ban branches, rapidly decreased. Mergers and other bank acquisitions accounted for the greater part of this reduction, 20th century bank failures having been few. As well, a federal Note Redemption Fund was established prior to the turn-of-century. Depositors still might lose money, but note-holders were--and still are--guaranteed. (Depositors now have significant protection, comparable to that available in the United States.) During the Depression years, only ten Canadian commercial banks of issue remained.

"Small size" notes, of roughly the present Canadian and United States dimensions, were issued in the United States in 1928, after trials in the Philippines, and in Canada after the central bank (Bank of Canada)" inaugural issue of 1935 (nine values, to $500 and $1000, pus a $25 commemorative: such notes came in two concurrent issues, one inscribed wholly in English, the other in French). At the same point, ten then-surviving chartered banks released new notes in similar, smaller dimensions, and such notes were to remain in limited circulation, in decreasing quantities, over the ten years that followed. By 1950, such commercial banks had paid over to the Bank of Canada sums equivalent to their outstanding note balances, with the central bank assuming in perpetuity the responsibility for honoring any such notes subsequently presented for redemption. The end of an era!

Bank of Canada regal portraiture, allegorical-back note releases of 1935 (two rarely seen ultra-high values depicted vintage Canadian politicians) were, to my thinking, the central bank's most attractive issue to date. Their limited, two-year lifespan combines with Depression conditions to make them tough to collect, particularly in high grades. The $25 Silver Jubilee commemorative, honoring King George V and Queen Mary on the anniversary of the coronation, is scarce in any grade. Those $25 notes did circulate, and I occasionally see well-worn examples, even the scarcer French text, in dealer stock in Montreal.

The second series of Bank of Canada legal tender, featured the likeness of King George VI on all but highest denomination. Attractive allegorical backs were essentially retained, but with bilingual inscription, face and back. The $500 value was dropped. The 1935-dated $500 is one of the priciest modern Canadian notes, in either language.

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The 1937 issue had a distinctly longer life, three signature varieties extended it through the World War II interval, and on until 1954. A few enthusiasts have collected by prefix letters, at least in lower, more affordable through Z/L, A/M denominations, the moss green $1, representatively from A/A through Z/A (a 20-letter alphabet), then A/L through Z/L, A/M through Z/L, the A/N through, partially, W/N. The denominator served as key to the denomination: thus, A/H and B/H were bright orange $50 bills.

The Queen Elizabeth II issue of September, 1954, showed the Sovereign on all eight denominations -- in her role as Queen of Canada. Early releases (all denominations) harbored one of those illusions, a monkey or devil or whatever in the curls of the royal coiffure. A quick check of the official photograph from which the engraving had been prepared, showed (if you'd imagined), a similar illusion ... which was duly "corrected." Collecting such "images" on U.S. or world notes or postage stamps? Some do! Try Seychelles, 50 rupees note, 1966-1973 [P-17]!

The backs of all 1954-dated Canadian denominations featured representative Canadian small-town, rural, seashore, and mountain scenes. An interesting variant was produced for 1967, Canada's centennial year. Featured on the $1 denomination was the Centennial logo (on the face), and an engraving of the original Parliament Buildings in Ottawa, on the back. Quantities of the notes having the serial numbers replaced by "1867-1967" (the dual dates), had been readily available...at face. How could you lose! Don't ask: The spending power of such paper hasn't held up all that well over the last 44 years, and you'd currently have trouble unloading even one such "commemorative" at anything much over face.

Now, counterfeiting is a fiscal bogeyman with whom the general public can be distinctly uncomfortable...whether, at a given time or place, the bogeyman is real or is not. Back in 1975, I well recall having canvassed bank tellers in the Nova Scotia small town to which work had taken me. What I sought was, in respectable shape, the $50 of the Queen Elizabeth II (1954-dated) issue , then current, but being aggressively withdrawn. I got one, and still have it, though we now know that hundreds of thousands of such bills (well up into C/H series, had been printed, only to be destroyed unreleased.

Such was to repeat itself, we now realize. Over the decades that followed, three "new issues" were, I suspect, succeeded by new releases featuring improved designs and enhanced anti-counterfeiting technology ... very possibly sooner than initially anticipated, but in order to keep ahead in the game.

The next step is immediately forthcoming ... to replace <u>all</u> circulating paper money with new Bank of Canada notes in polymer plastic, a significant step forward in security and in longer-lifespan currency production.

Those three further issues, what we might consider the 4th, 5th, and 5th series of Canada's central bank, coincided, as it happens, with the dropping of three of the eight then-existing denominations: $1 and $2 notes were summarily replaced by heavy, bulky coinage; the $1000 was eliminated to thwart money laundering and other extralegal activity.

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Fourth and subsequent Bank of Canada issues feature Queen Elizabeth II on one or more "visible" denominations (currently the much-used $20), with four prominent federal politicians (two Liberals, two Conservatives), each man identified with a specific denomination.

The fourth issue, essentially a new release of 1969 through 1975, features the to-be-expected portraits to the right, the backs being given to representative Canadian scenes, occupations and activities. In 1979, two denominations, the $5 and $20 were released in new form, the red serial numbers on the face being replaced by small, black 11-digit numbers on the lower back. $5 numbers began with "3"; $20 with "5": further encoding identified the security printer, and indicted if the note was a replacement or other test note. Clearly, the procedure might have extended to "1" for $1, "2" for $2, "4" for $10,..., through 8" for $1000, but it never did. All that remains is three-letter, seven-digit numbering, in black across the bottom back of each note. Values were $1 through $100; with the seldom-seen $1000, improbably, extending to new signatures the outdated, "1954" release.

With 1986 to 1991 release dates, the fifth Bank of Canada series, informally the "bird backs," featured enlarged likenesses of the Sovereign and prime ministers, with backs showing Canadian bird species, in natural habitats. The $1 note had been dropped, wholly replaced by the largish, 11-sided Loon coin, and the series extended to a new $1000, of short life expectancy. Higher values bore, on the face of the note, a denomination-coded, reflectorized patch, an effort toward enhanced note security. Misplaced or wholly missing patches are not unknown.

Referred to in bank literature as the "Canadian Journey" issue, the sixth series, five denominations entered circulation between 2001 and 2003. Dropped with this issue were $2 and $1000 values, the $2 now an oversize, bimetallic "polar bear" coin. Higher values, subsequently <u>all</u> values, featured what appears to be a state-of-the-art metallic strip. Backs of notes cleverly highlighted Canadian activities-children at winter play--and accomplishments. Small vignettes were, in the main, distinctly attractive. The great challenge would have been to bring them together in an optimal overall design.

As to polymer plastic, the giant next step in Canada's legal tender protection, what can I say? I've hunted down "plastic money" since that meant something like "house wrap" construction material, being tried by security printers in the United States and the United Kingdom. Think early plastic for Haiti, for the Isle of Man. Australian polymer is significantly more impressive. I've purchased from dealers. I've obtained polymer notes "at source" in a Belfast bank. I've tried out polymer money rather more fully during a Singapore stay. I like what I see and feel...the distinctive texture, the see-through windows.... Prepatory to public release of the Robert Borden $100, Bank of Canada literature was urging: "Feel the smooth, unique texture of the note"...look through the transparent areas, containing a detailed portrait [of Prime Minister Borden], and other images.

The full set of highly innovative Canadian notes will have been released, one denomination after nother "(high to low), within two years.

An interesting time to be collecting "folding money," I'd say!

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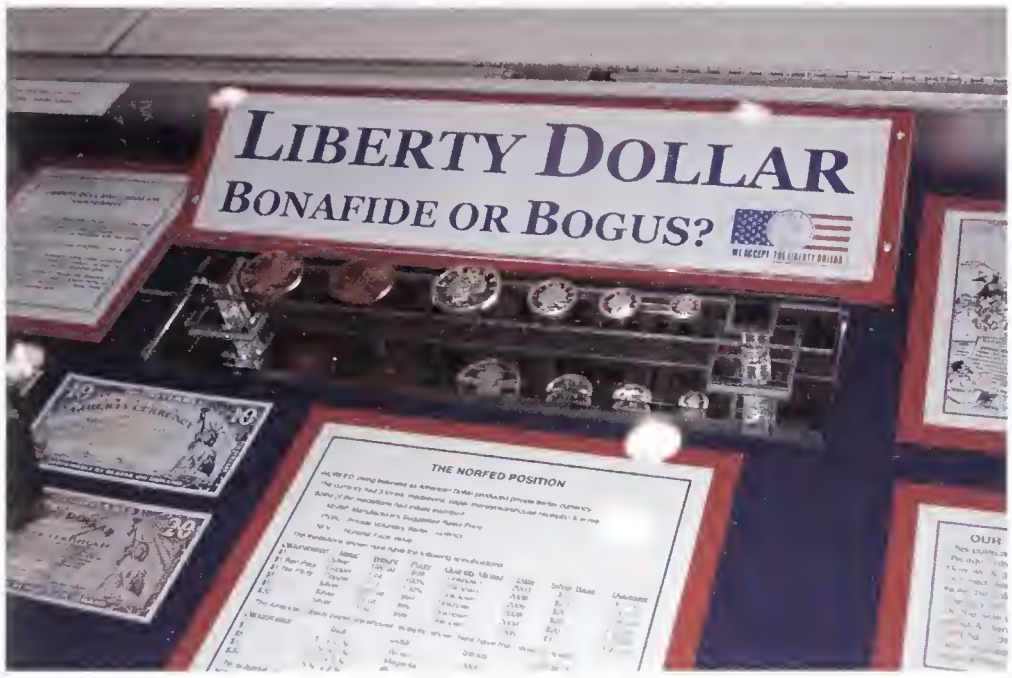

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